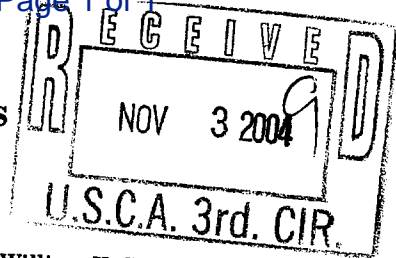


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Re: Melvin Todd Spears
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No. 04-6551
(Your No. 01-4014)

00-CR-00327 MH

Dear Clerk:

The Court today entered the following order in the above-entitled case:

The petition for a writ of certiorari is denied.

Sincerely,

William K. Suter

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